

remained there and 10 minutes later, I do not know how many persons were employed there, as the time I left it, there were no persons there; do not know the number of persons usually it was in the building, there was a stove in the building at the time, it would have been a 5000 bulb one, there was a sign of the building and the furniture in it was the same as there, there were books in the building, as well as a large number of papers.

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 DeCastro's born, and the increase for 1894 is 30. Then  
 are 14 over 10 this year, against 4 last.  
 Of the deaths the past week 210, or 70 per cent—some  
 40 more than the usual rate—were born in this country.  
 The reports from the police headquarters show no further  
 deaths.

Saturday night was the coldest known in this city during the present season. The sky was clear, and the

The old fashioned brick house, corner of Pearl and Center st., lower part occupied as a grocery by A. Noble, upper part as a dwelling.

The rear of the buildings above mentioned, on Pearl st., adjoining the rear of the laundry buildings, and these buildings were so much damaged by fire and water as to render

About 6 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered gnawing out of the lower part of a house on the corner of Bergen and Court sts., which it was found had originated in the money drawer—the place being occupied as a porter house. The drawer contained a box of tinder matches, which it is supposed were ignited by rats. The flames were

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The morning, in State st., at 7 o'clock, the thermometer told us four degrees below zero, on the Mill Dam, at tea time, and at the same point on the Concord Wharf, at Boston, there has been but little variation from those times during the day, which has been the coldest of the season. All the ferryboats are delayed by floating ice, the fields of which impede the navigation of the harbor.

**MARINE AFFAIRS.**

RECEIVED OF THE ALABAMA.—The steamship Alabama arrived last night from her search for the San Francisco. She is bound to remain here, as she has been ordered by a boat from the shop of war department, also search of the San Francisco.

ARRIVAL OF THE OHIO.—The U. S. Mail steamer Ohio, from Appland, 19th inst., arrived yesterday.

NEW CLIPPER.—The Ocean Herald, a fine new clipper of 60 tons, arrived yesterday. She is owned by Spotted

**THE ICE.**—A single column will be found an account of damage to shipping yesterday by the ice.

**SAILING OF THE WASHINGTON.**—The United States Mail steamer Washington, Capt. Fitch, sailed at 12 o'clock Saturday, for Bremen via Southampton. She carried a full bill, among which was \$150,000 in specie.

**THE LITTLE ASHORE AND OFF AGAIN.**—The packet ship Empire, bound for Liverpool, reported to port on Saturday morning, in a leaky condition. She came to the City wharf anchored in the North River, and while two steamers were towing her to the Atlantic dock, Brooklyn, went down on Governors Island. She was got out of at half past one without material damage.

**TOTAL WRECK OF THE CLIPPER SHIP MERMAID.**—We have seen that intelligence was brought to this city by the steamer Atlantic of the foundering of the clipper ship Mermaid on the Irish coast. She was on a voyage from Liverpool to Philadelphia. The accounts say that she was totally lost, together with a valuable cargo. No particulars, however, have yet been received.

**THE COLLIER CATHY.**—This iron steamer, owned by E. J. Allen, Captn. G. L. Allen, and master, and afterwards the Belmont Dock. She recently went ashore at Round neck, and was built up to receive it, as it was damaged by the fire. As she is built of iron plates, no material injury was sustained by her thrumping upon the shore. Her officers are desirous to enlarge her accommodations for passengers, and the carpenter has commenced building additional berths. She will be in complete order for her next trip to Bermuda and St. Thomas on the 7th of February. Her seventy persons can be provided with comfortable quarters on board. Capt. Sampson will command this cruise.

**STEAMER WYATTEN.**—The steamer Niagara, Capt. J. Smith, from Liverpool, which arrived here on Wednesday, was covered with ice up to the leading tracks forward. She must have experienced very severe weather, for her figure head, part of her mizzen, and her foremast were badly smashed, her masts were smooth above, but so thoroughly ice-bait that not even a boy's hand for plankings appears to have been needed. Her commander, Capt. Loftis, is one of the most able and accomplished sailors of the Canadian navy, and is fully acquainted with all who have the honor of his acquaintance. Like the other captains of the line, he has worked his way up step by step, to his present position. In connection with his numerous friends, he is a most valuable asset to the Government, and a credit to the British fleet.

**CRUISE OF THE SINGAPORE.**—The British schooner Albatross, capt. J. G. B. Smith, on Friday with Capt. Daly and sixteen women from ship Singapore, before recently returned to it, and a woman from ship St. Catharines.

**THE SAN FRANCISCO THEATRICALS IN PORT.**—The members of the merchants of Boston, who applied to receive and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred dollars for the theatricals, have been met at the point of their return by Boston, Thursday, Jan. 30, 1874.

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